

Docket No. 82,197

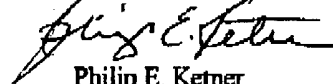
REMARKSStatus of the Claims

Claims 18 is the only pending claim in this application and is subject to a rejection under 35 USC 102(a) by the Examiner. Applicant's respectfully present proof of earlier conception and herein swear behind the reference used for this rejection, thereby removing it as a valid reference and obviating the need for a substantive response. Please see the attached Affidavit under 37 CFR 1.131 and the accompanying evidence of earlier conception presented as Appendix A.

Applicants have also amended the specification as required by the Examiner.

Examination and allowance at the Examiner's earliest convenience is respectfully requested. Kindly charge any additional fees due, or credit overpayment of fees, to Deposit Account No. 14-0595.

Respectfully submitted,



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